

### **REMARKS**

The application was filed with claims 1-3. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected. Claim 2 was objected to as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The allowable subject matter of claim 2, is as per the Office Action at page 4 which states:

“The Examiner finds the prior art does not teach or suggest wherein induction heating is used to join metal parts wherein the filler is the same material as the parts to be joined.”

Without acquiescing as to the supportability of the rejections of claims 1 and 3, and in order to facilitate issuance of a patent to allowable subject matter, Applicants herewith submit new claims 4 and 5. New claim 4 essentially replaces former claim 1 and also includes all of the limitations of allowable claim 2. New claim 5 depends on claim 4 and is the same as original claim 3.

Entry of this present Amendment and issue of Notice of Allowance based upon same is respectfully requested.


### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all rejections presently outstanding. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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